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# Wesleyan Painting Presented to State Capitol

The first event in the Wesleyan Centennial Celebration was the presentation on March 18 to the state capitol in Atlanta of a painting showing the Candler Memorial Library at Wesleyan College.

The painting, by Mr. Kurtz, was a part of the Georgia Exhibit at the Century of Progress in Chicago and was presented by the Georgia Commissioners of that exhibit to Mrs. Charles J. Haden, national president of the Wesleyan Alumnae Association. It was through Mrs. Haden's influence that the painting was placed in the capitol. The Atlanta Wesleyan Club, with Mrs. Edward Warner as president, sponsored the presentation ceremonies.

Dr. D. R. Anderson, president of Wesleyan, made the speech of presentation in which he recalled the granting of Wesleyan's charter on December 23, 1836, the first charter granted by a state legislature to a college for the higher education of wo-

The charter bill, reported to the House by a special committee composed of James Lamar, Stephen Renfroe and Harry Solomons, was read again in the House. Dr. Anderson mentioned Alexander H. Stephens, who championed the bill, the twenty-one members of the first board of trustees, notable men, Judge John S. Candler, donor of the library building.

A gracious letter from His Excellency, Governor Talmadge of Georgia to Mrs. Haden expressed his pleasure in having the painting in the capitol building. President Redwine of the senate, accepted the picture on behalf of the legislature.

In the above photograph Dr. Anderson is shown with descendants of Wesleyan founders.

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# The Honorable Dupont Guerry

A MAN WITH A GREAT HEART

On Benefactors' Day, May 9, a gift from Madame H. H. Kung (E-ling Soong, A. B. '09) of Shanghai, China was announced, a scholarship of \$1,000 in memory of the Honorable DuPont Guerry, former president of the college. Dr. C. R. Jenkins, another former president, delivered the tribute to Mr. Guerry as follows:

It is my delightful privilege this evening to pay a tribute to my former friend, the president of the College under whom I taught for four years. However, no tribute in words is really necessary. The memorial gift of his former pupils speaks with an eloquence words never had the power to express. A lovely young girl from a strange land came to college among those whose faces she had never seen before. She was brilliant, studious, deeply interested in the life and customs of the new race of people with whom she came to associate for four years. She was lonely. She could not look forward like the other students to her childhood home for her vacations. Four years she would miss a father's and mother's emhrace

But this young woman of China found a home. President Guerry and his wife opened wide their cultured and hospitable home in the Wesleyan apartments and bade the charming young stranger a most hearty welcome. For tender, sympathetic and efficient parental care she found the Guerry's a father and mother who as nearly as possible could take the place of those across the seas. No wonder that she loved them; no wonder that now she should honor the institution where she found truth clothed in the imperishable beauty of genuine and unselfish love. The fineness of her own lovely character rendered her appreciative of the fineness of those who loved her.

Mr. Guerry was no ordinary man. He

possessed a vigorous mind. He was a broad and deep thinker, a constant reader and a discerning student of human nature. His humor was brilliant, as also was his faculty of repartee. His wit, however, was always kind. As an orator his eloquence was poetic, but not over-ornate. Perhaps I have no right to judge him as a lawyer, but I hap-



THE HONORABLE DUPONT GUERRY

### The Loyalty Fund

As May goes on, the Loyalty Fund, to be used for scholarships for Wesleyan girls, mounts steadily. The number of contributors to date is more than twice the number for this time last year. At Wesleyan there are hopes for the largest Scholarship Fund "in the history of the college."

This year the fund is in memory of two alumnae of long-ago, Ella (Anderson) Clark, A.B., '62, and Mollie E. Mason, A.B., '70. The Wesleyan they knew as students was only thirty-odd years old, and those were the trying days when the college was one of the few to remain open during the

war and the reconstruction.

Today Wesleyan is planning the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of her charter, the first ever granted by a state legislature for the higher education of women.

Your contribution to the Loyalty Fund will honor the memory of an older Wesleyan generation and will be a token of your faith in the future of your Alma Mater. Remembering what Wesleyan meant to you as a student, will you not send in your contribution, however small, to the fund which will help other girls to come to Wesleyan?

# Special Memorial Scholarships

Four classes this year are giving their Loyalty Fund contributions as a Scholarship Fund in memory of loved classmates who have died. These are:

1927—The Callie Mae Willis Scholarship. 1930—The Marion Dean Johnson Scholarship.

1931—The Marion Curd Jordan Scholarship.

1933-The Anne Herndon Scholarship.

Scholarships of \$50 and of \$100 will be awarded by a committee of the classes giving the scholarships, together with representative alumnae from the National Alumnae Association of Wesleyan, on June 10. An indefinite number of these scholarships will be given, six being already assured.

Awards will be made on a basis of scholarship, character, high school activities, and

financial need of the candidate. High School seniors who are interested in receiving these scholarships are asked to send application for one of the scholarships to

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on or before June 1, 1935. A statement of high school credits, signed by the principal or superintendent, and letters of recommendation from three citizens of the city in which the applicant lives, one of these a Wesleyan alumnae, if possible.

The scholarships are open to any high school senior eligible to enter Wesleyan, from any state.

# The Washington Meeting

Miss Sara Branham and Miss Rhoda Cheves, assisted by Mrs. Charles B. Lewis and Mrs. Cuthbert Powell Grady, entertained all members of the group of Wesleyan College Alumnae, living in Washington, D. C., at 1757 K. Street, Northwest, Wednesday evening, April 3rd.

Miss Jennie Loyall, Alumnae Secretary, who was attending the annual meeting of the American Alumni Council in session at Wardman Park Hotel, was a guest and spoke of the work accomplished by the Wesleyan Alumnae. Mrs. Lorraine Esputa Bentley, dramatic coloratura soprano, rendered a program of classical songs accompanied by Miss Iva Bethel, pianist, who also gave several solos.

# The Historical Essay Contest

The award for the Wesleyan Historical Essay Contest, as announced on "Dormitory Day," April 20th, at the college, was divided among three girls, each of these to re- "Evolution of a Georgia Industry." ceive a \$200 scholarship to Wesleyan. They were: Ann Maria Domingos of Macon, whose essay was on "Academies of Georgia"; Katharine McConnell of Commerce, whose essay was on "Capitols and Capital Cities of Georgia"; Betty Aycock of Atlanta, whose essay was on "The Development of Greater Atlanta University."

Ann Maria is the great granddaughter of the late Dr. W. C. Bass, for many years beloved president of Wesleyan; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Burden of Macon, Mrs. Burden being the former Minnie Bass and a graduate of Wesleyan; the daughter of Alice (Burden) Domingos of the class of 1908; the niece of Octavia (Burden) Stewart of the class of 1906. She is a member of the honor group at Miller High School, and has taken an active part in school life.

Katharine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noel McConnell of Commerce and the niece of Mr. Lincoln McConnell of Macon. She lived in Macon during part of her high school career and was active in athletics at Miller High. She has led her class in Commerce and is president of the Tri-Hi Y, an organization of 12 students selected for scholarships. She represented her school in ready writing at the District Meet this year.

Betty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Avcock of Atlanta and is a senior at Girls' High in Atlanta. She will graduate with honor from this school. She is a member of the Quill and Scroll, a member of the staff of the year-book, Winged Sandals, and has been a leader in many school activities.

The best essays in each district (besides the three winning essays) were given honorable mention by Dr. D. R. Anderson, president of Wesleyan, on Dormitory Day. They

District I. Alpha Boyd, Millen, Ga.-"Ft. Lawton."

Gladys Amelia Thayer, Statesboro, Ga.-"Settlers of Georgia."

District II. Billie King, Bainbridge, Ga.-

Marion Arthur, Albany, Ga.—"History of Education in Albany."

District III. Jean Brown, Perry, Ga .-"Early Settlers of Georgia."

District IV. Nettie Rose O'Neal, Jackson. Ga.—"History of Indian Springs."

Margaret Woodall, Woodland, Ga .-"History of Warm Springs Foundation."

District V. Anne Morris, Atlanta, Ga. (Girls' High) - "Archaeology of Georgia."

Harriet Milam, Atlanta, Ga. (Washington Seminary) - "Georgia-Its Beginning."

District VI. Evelyn Timmerman, Macon, Ga.\_\_"Sidney Lanier."

District VIII. Elizabeth Roberson, Screven, Ga.—"Indians of Georgia."



WINNERS OF THE CONTEST Left to Right: Katherine McConnell, Commerce; Betty Aycock, Atlanta; Ann Maria Domingos, Macon.

# Garden Clubs Meet At Wesleyan

The attractive silhouette of the old college chapel which appears on the cover of The Wesleyan Alumnae this time was drawn by Lottie (Felder) Bowen of the class of '18 for the program of the Garden Club Convention held in Macon April 23 and 24.

The seven Garden Clubs of Macon were hostesses to the Georgia Garden Club on these dates, and a delightful affair it was! Octavia (Burden) Stewart was general chairman of the convention, and most of those who, as chairmen of committees worked to make the convention such a success, were Wesleyan alumnae.

The meetings were held in the old chapel

at Wesleyan on College Street, and delegates (among whom were a host of alumnae) roamed over the old buildings recalling the scenes of their college days. The beautiful luncheon on Friday was given in the Wesleyan College dining room at Rivoli, the spacious room with its lofty ceiling and great windows lending itself admirably to the colorful decorations. Stella (Roberts) Pendleton, of the class of '12, was chairman of the luncheon, Belle (Ross) Vanentine of '16 and Mrs. O. H. McAfee co-chairman.

The two garden teas were held at the beautiful estates of Octavia (Burden) Stewart ("Tomotavia") and of Kathleen (Harper) Jacques of '11 ("Myvice").

### Commencement Calendar

### MAY 24 THROUGH 27

### FRIDAY, MAY 24

8:00 P. M. Alumnae Banquet, College Dining Room, Rivoli (50 cents).
Reunion Class fun, reminiscences.
Presentation of relics and souvenirs of old Wesleyan Days
(Alumnae who have such souvenirs to present are asked to notify Mrs. S. T. Coleman, 317 College St. Macon, Ga., before Commencement).

### SATURDAY, MAY 25

10:00 A. M. Annual Meeting of the National Alumnae Association, Wesleyan Conservatory Chapel, College Street, Annie (Bates) Haden, president, presiding.
Memorial Service.

Wesleyan Club Plans in Panel Discussion. Induction of Class of 1935 into Alumnae Association.

- 5:00 P. M. Alumnae Garden Party, Wesleyan College campus, Rivoli.
- 8:30 P. M. Musical Soiree and Graduation Exercises of Wesleyan Conservatory, chapel of Wesleyan Conservatory, College Street.

### SUNDAY, MAY 26

- 8:45 A. M. Alumnae Morning Watch in Grand Parlor, led by a member of Reunion Class.
- 11:30 A. M. Baccalaureate Sermon in Gymnasium, Rivoli, by the Reverend James Wilson Johnson, Pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Church, Atlanta.
- 8:15 P. M. Sacred Concert, Wesleyan Conservatory Chapel.

### MONDAY, MAY 27

11:00 A. M. Literary Address, Wesleyan College Gymnasium, by Mr. George Fort Milton, Editor of the Chattanooga News, Chattanooga, Tenn.

> Conferring of Degrees, College of Liberal Arts Address to the Graduates—President Dice Robins Anderson.